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INTRODUCTION

The National Forest Management Act of 1976 mandates the protection of biological diversity on National Forest lands. One response to this mandate has been the development of sensitive species programs throughout the national forest system (Reel et al. 1989). Each national forest is required to protect the viability of sensitive species found within its bounds. Numerous plants that are listed as sensitive in the U.S. Forest Service Region One occur in the mountain ranges of southwest Montana (Lesica and Shelly 1991).

The Highland Mountains are a small alpine mountain range in southwest Montana. Much of this range is land administered by Deer Lodge National Forest. In spite of The Highland's proximity to Butte, there has been little botanical exploration of the area. Recently, Klaus Lackschewitz made collections in the area and discovered populations of Carex idahoa and Erigeron gracilis, but the size and extent of these populations was not reported. The Highland Mountains receive a great deal of use by recreationists as well as having mining, timber harvest and livestock grazing activity. In order to manage the Highland Mountains for the protection of biological diversity, the Forest Service must know which sensitive species are present, what habitats they occur in, and how common they are. The purpose of this study was to survey the Highland Mountains for sensitive plant species and report the size, location and habitat for these species. In addition, a complete list of all vascular plant species encountered during this study was prepared. This list will be useful to managers doing other studies in the area.

STUDY AREA

The Highland Mountains are a small alpine range in southwest Montana, just south of Butte. They lie between the Big Hole River and the Jefferson River on the south and east respectively, and they contain the headwaters of Silver Bow Creek and the Clark Fork River. The main divide ridge of the Highland Range is the Continental Divide. It runs between Red Mountain at 10,070 ft on the north, and Table Mountain at the south end, which is the highest peak at 10,200 ft. Slopes on the north, east and south sides are relatively steep, and streams and glaciers have formed canyons dropping to the main river valleys. On the west side of the divide there is a large plateau that is the headwaters of Moose Creek. Part of this plateau is referred to as Moose Town, while the northwest portion is called Burton Park. Low mountains (7,000-8,000 ft) surround Moose Town and Burton Park on the north, west and south sides. Low mountains on the west are called the Humbug Spires (Fig. 1)

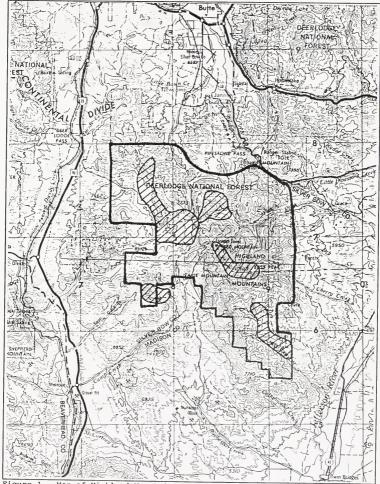


Figure 1. Map of Highland Mountain region and the areas surveyed for sensitive species.

The core of the Highland Mountains is formed of Precambrian basement rock in the south and granite of the Boulder Batholith in the north (Alt and Hyndman 1986). The Humbug Spires are low mountains formed of this granite. A band of calcareous Belt Series sedimentary rock, 5-10 miles wide runs from near the town of Divide west to just east of the Continental Divide (Alt and Hyndman 1986). The crest of the Highland Mountains are argillite on the north near Red Mountain and quartzite and granite in the south around Table Mountain. Soils at 6,000-7,500 ft throughout most of the north portion of the area are derived from granite and are coarse-textured and well-drained. Soils in the south are derived from metamorphosed sedimentary rocks and are more silty or loamy in texture. Calcareous soils occur sporadically in the Moose Town area and just east of the Continental Divide in the Lime Kiln Hill and head of Fish Creek area (Fig. 1). Soils near or above timberline are generally shallow and poorly developed. Small cirques along the main divide suggest that the core of the range was glaciated during Pleistocene times.

Climate of the Highland Mountains is continental-montane with short, cool summers and long, cold winters. Butte, at 5,540 ft on the north side of the Highland Mountains, had mean July maximum and mean January minimum of 80.1 and 3.7°F respectively from 1950 to 1980 (NOAA 1982). During this same period mean annual precipitation was 11.7 inches. Divide, at 5,406 ft on the west side of the study area, had mean July maximum and mean January minimum of 79.4 and 8.5°F respectively from 1950 to 1980 (NOAA 1982). During this same period mean annual precipitation was 12.4 inches. Precipitation in the Highland Mountains is estimated to vary from 16-30 inches per year based on snow course records (USDA-SCS 1981). June is the wettest month. Approximately half of the precipitation falls as snow during the winter.

Vegetation of the Highland Mountains is predominantly coniferous forest dominated by Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) and lodgepole pine (Pinus contorta). Spruce (Picea engelmannii) is common along streams and higher cool slopes. Whitebark pine (Pinus albicaulis) dominates subalpine and timberline forests. Limber pine (P. flexilis) is locally common on outcrops of calcareous parent material in the Moose Town and Fish Creek areas. Where granite is the parent material, coniferous forest generally dominates on all aspects (narrow mesas above Hells Canyon Creek are an exception). On soils derived from metasediments, steppe dominated by sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata), rabbit brush (Chrysothamnus spp.), shrubby cinquefoil (Potentilla fruticosa) and Idaho fescue (Festuca idahoensis), occurs on warm slopes. Meadows dominated by tufted hairgrass (Deschampsia cespitosa) and sedges (Carex spp.) are common in Moose Town and Burton Park. Swamp and carr vegetation dominated by bog birch (Betula glandulosa) and willows (Salix spp.) are found along many drainages and in large areas of Moose Town. Groves of aspen (<u>Populus</u> <u>tremuloides</u>) occur sporadically in the Moose Town area.

The Highland Mountains have been greatly impacted by human The area was the scene of a great deal of mining exploration. There are numerous old mines and associated roads in the Moose Town and Fish Creek areas. Concentrations of precious metals are presumably associated with the contact zone between the Belt sediments and the granite batholith. There is an active mining operation near the head of Fish Creek. Wherever steppe or meadows are the predominant vegetation, cattle grazing is a common use of the land. Douglas fir composing much of the forests are short and often deformed, but some areas of lodgepole pine forest have been clearcut. In addition, some trees have been harvested for firewood and lumber during the times when the area was a more active mining district. The Highland Mountains-Moffet Mountain-Moose Town area is a very productive wildlife area. I observed large numbers of elk, moose, deer, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. As a result, the area is heavily used by hunters during the fall. There is a good deal of recreational driving both on and off roads during the summer. The area is undoubtedly used by snowmobilers during the winter.

METHODS

For the purpose of my study, the Highland Mountains are defined as land administered by the U.S. Forest Service and private inholdings above 6,000 ft south of Pipestone Pass and Hwy 10, west of the Jefferson River Valley, and east and north of the Big Hole River Valley. I surveyed the Highland Mountains on June 25-July 6, 1992 and July 31-August 3, 1992. I concentrated my surveys in five areas (Fig. 1): (1) Moose Town/Burton Park - an abundance of wetlands and outcrops of calcareous parent material, (2) Fish Creek/Limekiln Mountain - numerous outcrops of calcareous parent material, (3) Red Mountain/Table Mountain expansive alpine habitat, (4) Moffet Mountain - expanses of sagebrush steppe and high elevation grasslands, and (5) Hells Canyon Creek - coarse granitic soils and sagebrush steppe. conducted my surveys by hiking transects through each area, inspecting typical habitat as well as unusual edaphic or topographic features. I recorded all vascular plant species observed and made representative collections of many species. I completed Montana Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) "Plant Species of Special Concern" forms for all species on the most recent MNHP list, and I completed MNHP-modified ECODATA forms for representative plant communities harboring species listed as sensitive in Region One of the U.S. Forest Service (Lesica and Shelly 1991).

Vascular plant nomenclature generally follows Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973). Nomenclature for willows follows Dorn (1984).

Information on nomenclature for sensitive species and "species of special concern" can be found in Lesica and Shelly (1991). Specimens are deposited in the herbarium of the University of Montana (MONTU).

In 1992 I received a separate contract from Deerlodge National Forest to conduct floristic surveys of the Table Mountain area. The results of that study (Lesica 1992) have been included in this report.

RESULTS

I recorded 526 species of vascular plants in 52 families from the Highland Mountains (Appendix A). Of these, seven are listed as sensitive in Region One of the U.S. Forest Service: Arabis fecunda, Carex idahoa, Juncus hallii, Orobanche corymbosa, Penstemon lemhiensis, Saxifraqa tempestiva and Thlaspi parviflorum. Five additional species are listed as species of special concern by MNHP: Carex vallicola, Erigeron gracilis, Gentiana aquatica, Haplopappus macronema ssp. linearis and Ranunculus verecundus. Information on the occurrence of these species in the study area is given below. Additional information can be found in the MNHP element occurrence records in Appendix B. Copies of ECODATA forms for all sensitive species sites can be found in Appendix C.

Element Name: Arabis fecunda Rollins

Common Name: Sapphire rockcress

Range: Endemic to the Sapphire, Pioneer and Highland mountain ranges of Beaverhead, Ravalli and Silver Bow counties, Montana.

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFWS C2, USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: Two populations of <u>A. fecunda</u> occur in the Moose Town area and two were found in the Fish Creek area (Fig. 2,3). Moose Town populations were estimated at 1,000-2,000 plants, while those in the Fish Creek area are larger, with 5,000-10,000 plants. All populations occur in mineral soil derived from metamorphosed calcareous sediments on south- or west-facing slopes. Associated plant communities are sparse <u>Agropyron spicatum</u> grasslands or very open limber pine woodland.

Although apparently appropriate habitat occurs on Limekiln

Hill, I was unable to locate the species in the area.

Comments: All four populations occur in areas where there has been extensive mining exploration, and the southern Fish Creek

population is within 1 mile of an active mine. Mining is probably the principal threat to A. fecunda in the study area. In addition, the northern Moose Town population is in close proximity to a major road and may be threatened by future road construction. Finally, the areas are subject to livestock grazing, but disturbance appears to be moderate at this time and is probably not detrimental to the species. These populations are on the eastern edge of the known range of the species.

Element Name: <u>Carex idahoa</u> (Bailey)

Common Name: Idaho sedge

Beaverhead, Madison, Powell and Silver Bow counties, Montana and southeast Idaho

Element Rank: G20S2

Federal Status: USFWS 3C, USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I relocated the population in the Moose Town area and discovered another in the Fish Creek area (Fig. 2.3). Both populations occur in drier ecotonal areas of wet meadows along streams in areas influenced by calcareous parent material. Both populations contain fewer than 100 plants. The associated plant community is Potentilla fruticosa/Deschampsia cespitosa.

Comments: This plant is also referred to as Carex parryana

Dewey ssp. idahoa (Bailey.) Murray.

I searched for this plant throughout the study area, but located only these two populations. However, populations are usually small, and I may not have located all of them. Nonetheless, C. idahoa does seem to be rare in the study area. Populations may be threatened by livestock grazing. In addition, the Moose Town population is immediately adjacent to a main road and could be threatened by road construction.

Element Name: Juncus hallii Engelm.

Common Name: Hall's rush

Southwest Montana and southern Idaho south to Colorado. In Montana this species is known from Madison, Meagher, Powell and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank: G4G5/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located one population of J. hallii in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). Unfortunately I was unsure of the

identity of the plant when I collected it and did not take extensive information on the site. It occurs in moist soil on the drier margins of a wet meadow adjacent to an old logging road. Before the area was logged this meadow was in a matrix of moist spruce forest. My impression is that the population was small, probably less than 200 plants.

Comments: At this site \underline{J} . \underline{hallii} occurs near a population of \underline{J} . \underline{tenuis} , and the two species can be confused. The logging road through the area may have impacted this population when it was built, and timber harvest undoubtedly altered the hydrologic regime of the site.

Element Name: Orobanche corymbosa (Rydb.) Ferris

Common Name: Flat-topped broomrape

Range: Southern British Columbia to southwest Montana, south to California, Nevada and Utah. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Madison and Ravalli counties.

Element Rank: G4/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located one population of <u>O. corymbosa</u> in the Hells Canyon Creek area (Fig. 4). Plants occurred in course-textured, granitic soil on gentle slopes of mesas on the northeast side of the canyon. The population consists of three subpopulations, all within 1 mile of each other. I estimated that at least 2,000 plants occur between these three subpopulations. Associated plant community is <u>Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis</u>.

Comments: Although similar habitat exists both north and south of the three subpopulations, I was unable to locate any plants in these areas. Additional populations may occur on BLM or private land to the west and south of the study area.

I am not aware of any threats to this population of \underline{O} . Corymbosa.

Element Name: Penstemon lemhiensis (Keck) Keck & Cronq.

Common Name: Lemhi beardtongue

Range: Endemic to Beaverhead, Ravalli and Silver Bow counties, Montana and Lemhi County Idaho

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFWS C2, USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I discovered two populations of P. lemhiensis in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). The eastern population consists of two subpopulations on opposite sides of a hill. Both populations occur in relatively sparse vegetation on soil derived from calcareous metasediments. Both populations were estimated to be 100-200 plants. Nearly all plants in the western population had been grazed down to near the base of the plant, probably by deer or elk but possibly by livestock. The associated plant community was Festuca idahoensis/Acropyron spicatum grassland. In addition to these two populations, I observed 3-5 plants on a roadcut ca. 1/2 mile south of Fish Creek (TIN R7W S33, NW1/4 of SW1/4). Plant were present only in disturbed soil immediately adjacent to the road so I did not map or document this occurrence.

Comments: Penstemon lemhiensis occurs in areas that are subject to both mining activity and livestock grazing. Although \underline{P} . lemhiensis is probably enhanced by low or even moderate levels of disturbance, both mining development and grazing could be a threat to this species. These populations are on the eastern edge of the known range of the species.

Element Name: Saxifraga tempestiva Elvander & Denton

Common Name: Storm saxifrage

Range: Endemic to Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Ravalli and Silver Bow (?) counties, Montana

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located two subpopulations of <u>S. tempestiva</u> on the west flank of Table Mountain (Fig. 5). Both sites were snow cachement areas on relatively gentle terrain. The population was estimated to be fewer than 300 plants. Associated plant community was $\underline{\text{Geum rossii}}$ turf.

Comments: Plants at the Table Mountain site appear intermediate between <u>S. tempestiva</u> and <u>S. rhomboidea</u> and may be a hybrid

population (see Lesica 1992 for further discussion).

The area is subject to few direct human-caused disturbances. However, grazing by bighorn sheep in the area is intense, and this level of grazing may be having an impact on the vegetation. Bighorn sheep may be overusing this remote part of their range because of intense ORV use of lower, more accessible areas (Lesica 1992).

Element Name: Thlaspi parviflorum A. Nels.

Common Name: Small-flowered pennycress

Endemic to southwest Montana, northwest Wyoming and central Idaho. In Montana this species is known from Beaverhead, Madison, Park and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank: G3/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located two populations of T. parviflorum in moist grasslands and meadows on gentle slopes or alluvial terraces in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). The eastern population occurred in a somewhat drier site and was estimated at 100-1,000 plants. The western site was estimated at 1,000-10,000 plants. Associated plant communities are Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis and Potentilla fruticosa/Juncus balticus.

I searched extensively for this species in the Moose Town area, but in spite of large areas of apparently potential habitat, I located only two populations. However, T. parviflorum is inconspicuous unless it is blooming, and it blooms very early and has completely disappeared by mid-summer. Thus, I may not have located all populations in the study area.

Both T. parviflorum sites are subject to livestock grazing. The effects of grazing on the species are not known.

Element Name: Carex vallicola Dewey

Common Name: Valley sedge

Range: Eastern Oregon to southwest Montana and western South Dakota, south to California, Utah and Mexico. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, Madison, Park and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank: G5/S2

Federal Status: None

Local Occurrence: I located one population of C. vallicola in mesic high-elevation grassland in the Limekiln Hill area (Fig. 3). The population was estimated to be 100-1,000 plants. The associated plant community is Festuca idahoensis/Agropyron caninum.

Comments: This small population of C. vallicola is in an area that has extensive mining exploration. The area is also subject to livestock grazing. The plant is highly palatable to livestock and decreases with overgrazing (Hermann 1970).

Element Name: Erigeron gracilis Rydb.

Common Name: Slender fleabane

Range: Endemic to Southwest Montana, western Wyoming and east-central Idaho. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead,

Park, Silver Bow and Sweetgrass counties.

Element Rank: G4/S2

Federal Status: None

Local Occurrence: I located populations of <u>E. gracilis</u> in the Moffet Mountain, Moose Town and Fish Creek/Limekiln Hill areas (Figs. 2,3,6). The plant appeared to be widespread throughout much of the Highland Mountains in silty to loamy soils of mesic to moist steppe and grasslands. Populations were all estimated to be larger than 1,000 plants. Associated plant communities are Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis (Geranium phase) and Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis.

Comments: <u>Frigeron gracilis</u> was common enough in the study area that I did not purposely look for it but mapped only occurrences that I observed while surveying for other species. It is probably not threatened in the study area.

Element Name: Gentiana aquatica L.

Common Name: Wet meadow gentian

Range: Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan south to Colorado; also in Asia. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Madison and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank: G4/S2

Federal Status: USFWS 3C (under synonym of G. fremontii)

Local Occurrence: I located one population of <u>G. aquatica</u> in the Fish Creek area, in the same meadow as <u>Carex idahoa</u> (Fig. 3). The species occurs on shrub-dominated hummocks in an alkaline meadow along a small stream. Associated plant community was <u>Potentilla fruticosa/Deschampsia cespitosa</u>. I estimated the population to be greater than 1,000 plants.

Comments: This meadow is subject to livestock grazing. Trampling of this wet site resulting from overuse by livestock

could degrade the site and negatively impact the $\underline{\text{G.}}$ $\underline{\text{aquatica}}$ population.

Element Name: <u>Haplopappus macronema</u> Gray ssp. <u>linearis</u> (Rydb.)

Hall

Common Name: Discoid goldenweed

Range: The subspecies is endemic to northwest Wyoming and southwest Montana. In Montana it is known from Beaverhead, Madison, Meagher and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank: G4T?/S2

Federal Status: None

Local Occurrence: I located two populations of <u>H. macronema linearis</u> in moist steppe in the Moose Town/Burton Park area (Fig. 7). The Burton Park population was estimated to be fewer than 300 plants, while the Moose Town population was estimated to be 500-1,000 plants. Associated plant communities were <u>Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis</u> and <u>Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis</u>.

Comments: Although there is an abundance of apparently appropriate habitat in the study area, I located only two populations of H. macronema linearis. Many of the plants at the Burton Park site had been broken due to livestock trampling. However, the plant seems to respond positively to disturbance at the Moose Town site, being most common near fences and along roads.

Element Name: Ranunculus verecundus Robins.

Common Name: Modest buttercup

Range: Alaska south to Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming. In Montana this species is known from Glacier National Park and the Highland and Anaconda ranges in Beaverhead, Deer Lodge and Madison counties.

Element Rank: G5/S1

Federal Status: None

Local Occurrence: I located one population of <u>R. verecundus</u> in wet tundra on the west shoulder of Table Mountain (Lesica 1992, Fig. 5). Associated plant community was <u>Deschampsia</u> <u>cespitosa/Caltha leptosepala</u>. Population size was estimated to be 200-500 plants.

Comments: Typical <u>R. verecundus</u> has deciduous sepals and persistent petals. Plants from the Table Mountain site have persistent sepals and lack petals (Lesica 1992). The area is subject to few direct human-caused disturbances. However, grazing by bighorn sheep in the area is intense, and this level of grazing may be having an impact on the vegetation. Bighorn sheep may be overusing this remote part of their range because of intense ORV use of lower, more accessible areas (Lesica 1992).

DISCUSSION

The Moose Town area has a great diversity of parent materials and soils. Coarse-textured sandy soils derived from granite of the Boulder Batholith occur on the northern periphery. The majority of the upland areas have silty or loamy soils derived from metasediments, including outcroppings of calcareous parent material. These soils support Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine forests, limber pine woodland, sagebrush and cinquefoil steppe, and grasslands. The area also has a complex hydrologic geology and supports a vast array of wetland communities including aspen groves, wet spruce forests, willow swamps, fens, marshes and wet meadows. The diversity of plant communities and the extent of the wetlands is exceptional. The area is also important habitat for many species of wildlife including elk, moose and bighorn sheep.

Fives species of vascular plants listed as sensitive in U.S. Forest Service Region One occur in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2): Arabis fecunda, Carex idahoa, Juncus hallii, Penstemon lemhiensis and Thlaspi parviflorum. Both A. fecunda and P. lemhiensis are candidates for listing as threatened or endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and all but J. hallii are endemic to small areas of southwest Montana and adjacent Idaho and Wyoming (Lesica and Shelly 1991). In addition, Erigeron gracilis and Haplopappus macronema ssp. linearis, two regional endemics that are MNHP species of special concern, are also found in this area (Fig. 2,7).

The habitat diversity and number of rare plant species make the Moose Town area the most outstanding biological area in the Highland Mountains. Unfortunately, the area has suffered a great deal of human-caused disturbance. It was the site of numerous mines and prospects, and apparently a small community existed there in the past. There are unreclaimed tailings heaps and mine shafts as well as water diversion ditches and old cabins. Probably more damaging are the numerous roads and 4-wheel drive trails throughout much of the area. These roads and trails continue to be used for recreation by residents of Butte and the surrounding area. The area is grazed by livestock during July and August, and some of the wetland and upland communities have been degraded as a result. Finally, forests on the north and

west sides of the Moose Town area have been clearcut. All of these disturbances have had and, in some cases, continue to have a negative impact on wildlife, populations of sensitive plants and the integrity of native communities.

Biological values in the Moose Town area could be protected by diminishing and mitigating human-caused disturbances: (1) limiting motorized vehicle traffic to main roads, (2) managing livestock to protect fragile wetland and riparian areas and prevent overgrazing of adjacent uplands, (3) reclamation of mine sites, and (4) limiting timber harvest to protect watershed values and wildlife. Approximately 1,800 acres of the Moose Town area is in private ownership; the rest is public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. A cooperative management plan for the area that addresses these issues is essential for maintaining the ecological integrity and biological diversity of the area.

The Fish Creek/Limekiln Hill area harbors populations of <u>Arabis fecunda</u> and <u>Carex idahoa</u>, both of which are on the U.S. Forest Service Region One sensitive species list. In addition, there are populations of three MNHP species of special concern in the area (Fig. 3). This area is similar to the Moose Town area in its history of mining and livestock grazing, and there is an active mine along Fish Creek at this time. The topography is steeper, so there are fewer opportunities for off-road vehicle abuse. Although I do not believe that this area has the biological significance of the Moose Town area, developments and livestock management should be regulated to protect populations of rare and sensitive species.

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Appendix A. Vascular plants observed in the Highland Mountains June 25-July 6, 1992 and July 31-August 3, 1992. Nomenclature generally follows Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973). Nomenclature for willows follows Dorn (1984). Nomenclature for sensitive species follows Lesica and Shelly (1991). Species in bold were collected and specimens are deposited at MONTU. An asterisk (*) indicates an introduced species.

Apiaceae
Angelica arguta
Cymopterus bipinnatus
Heracleum lanatum
Lomatium cous
Lomatium cusickii
Lomatium dissectum
Lomatium triternatum
Osmorhiza depauperata
Perideridia gairdneri

Asclepiadaceae Asclepias speciosa

Asteraceae Achillea millefolium Agoseris aurantiaca Agoseris glauca Antennaria alpina Antennaria anaphaloides Antennaria aromatica Antennaria corvmbosa Antennaria microphylla Antennaria parviflora Antennaria pulcherrima Antennaria racemosa Antennaria umbrinella Arnica chamissonis Arnica cordifolia Arnica fulgens Arnica mollis Arnica sorroria Artemisia absinthium* Artemisia campestris Artemisia dracunculus Artemisia frigida Artemisia michauxiana Artemisia tridentata Aster brachyactis Aster campestris Aster conspicuous Aster foliaceus Aster hesperius Aster integrifolius Aster laevis Aster occidentalis Aster scopulorum Aster stenomeres Chaenactis alpina Chaenactis douglasii Chrysopsis villosa Chrysothamnus nauseosus Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus Cirsium arvense*

Cirsium canovirens Cirsium hookerianum Cirsium scariosum Crepis acuminata Crepis atrabarba Crepis modocensis Crepis runcinata Erigeron acris Erigeron caespitosus Erigeron compositus Erigeron corymbosus Erigeron divergens Erigeron gracilis Erigeron lonchophyllus Erigeron ochroleucus Erigeron rydbergii Erigeron simplex Erigeron subtrinervis Erigeron tweedyi Erigeron ursinus Filago arvensis Gailardia aristata Haplopappus acaulis Haplopappus integrifolius Haplopappus lanuginosus Haplopappus lyallii Haplopappus macronema ssp. linearis Haplopappus uniflorus Helianthella uniflora Hieracium cynoglossoides Hieracium gracile Hulsea algida Hymenopappus filifolius Hymenoxys grandiflorus Machaeranthera canescens Matricaria matricarioides* Microseris cuspidata Senecio canus Senecio crassulus Senecio cymbalarioides Senecio foetidus Senecio fremontii Senecio indecorus Senecio integerrimus Senecio pauperculus Senecio pseudaureus Senecio serra Solidago missouriensis Solidago multiradiata Sonchus uliginosus* Taraxacum ceratophorum Taraxacum laevigatum* Taraxacum lyratum Taraxacum officinale*

Tetradymia canescens Townsendia hookeri Townsendia parryi

Betulaceae Alnus sinuata Betula glandulosa

Boraginaceae
Cryptantha ambigua
Cryptantha spiculifera
Cynoglossum officinale*
Eritrichium nanum
Hackelia micrantha
Lappula redowskii
Lithospermum ruderale
Mertensia ciliata
Mertensia oblongifolia
Onosmodium molle
Plaqiobothrys scouleri

Brassicaceae Arabis drummondii Arabis fecunda Arabis glabra Arabis hirsuta Arabis holboellii Arabis lemmonii Arabis lyallii Arabis nuttallii Arabis sparsiflora Barbarea orthoceras Berteroa incana Capsella bursa-pastoris* Cardamine pensylvanica Descurainia pinnata Descurainia richardsonii Descurainia sophia* Draba crassifolia Draba densifolia Draba incerta Draba lanceolata Draba lonchocarpa Draba nemorosa Draba oligosperma Draba paysonii Draba stenoloba Draba sp. Erysimum asperum Erysimum cheiranthoides* Erysimum repandrum Physaria geveri Smelowskia calycina Thlaspi arvense* Thlaspi parviflorum

Callitrichaceae Callitriche sp.

Campanulaceae Campanula rotundifolia Caprifoliaceae Lonicera involucrata Linnaea borealis Sambucus racemosa

Caryophyllaceae Arenaria capillaris Arenaria congesta Arenaria lateriflora Arenaria nuttallii Arenaria obtusiloba Arenaria rossii Cerastium arvense Cerastium beeringianum Cerastium vulgatum* Silene acaulis Silene menziesii Silene parryi Silene repens Spergularia rubra* Stellaria americana Stellaria calycantha Stellaria longipes

Chenopodiaceae Chenopodium album* Chenopodium chenopodioides Chenopodium fremontii Monolepsis nuttallianus

Cornaceae Cornus stolonifera

Crassulaceae Sedum lanceolatum Sedum rosea

Cupressaceae Juniperus communis

Cyperaceae Carex albonigra Carex aquatilis Carex athrostachya Carex atrata Carex aurea Carex bebbii Carex canescens Carex concinoides Carex dioica Carex disperma Carex douglasii Carex elvnoides Carex filifolia Carex geyeri Carex hoodii Carex idahoa Carex lanuginosa Carex leporinella Carex microptera Carex nebrascensis Carex norvegica

Carex obtusata
Carex paysonis
Carex pensylvanica
Carex petasata
Carex phaeocephala
Carex raynoldsii
Carex rossii
Carex rossii
Carex rostit
Carex rostrata
Carex scirpoidea
Carex scipoidea
Carex scipulorum
Carex simulata
Carex vallicola
Eleocharis pauciflora

Elaeagnaceae Shepherdia canadensis

Equisetaceae
Equisetum arvense
Equisetum laevigatum
Equisetum pratense
Equisetum scirpoidea
Equisetum variegatum

Ericaceae
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Cassiope mertensiana
Chimaphila umbellata
Kalmia microphylla
Ledum glandulosum
Phyllodoce empetriformis
Phyllodoce glanduliflora
Pyrola asarifolia
Pyrola chlorantha
Pyrola uniflora
Vaccinium caespitosum
Vaccinium scoparium

Fabaceae Astragalus aboriginum Astragalus adsurgens Astragalus agrestis Astragalus alpinus Astragalus atropubescens Astragalus canadensis Astragalus microcystis Astragalus miser Coronilla varia* Hedysarum sulphurescens Lupinus argenteus Lupinus sericeus Medicago lupulina* Onobrychis viciifolia* Oxytropis besseyi Oxytropis campestris Oxytropis deflexa Oxytropis lagopus Trifolium hybridum* Trifolium longipes

Trifolium pratense* Trifolium repens*

Fumariaceae Corydalis aurea

Gentianaceae
Frasera Speciosa
Gentiana amarella
Gentiana aquatica
Gentiana affinis
Gentiana aquatica
Gentiana calycosa
Gentiana propinqua

Geraniaceae Geranium richarsonii Geranium viscosissimum

Grossulariaceae
Ribes cereum
Ribes hudsonianum
Ribes lacustre
Ribes setosum

Hydrophyllaceae Phacelia franklinii Phacelia hastata Phacelia sericea

Iridaceae Iris missouriensis Sisyrinchium angustifolium

Juncaceae
Juncus balticus
Juncus drummondii
Juncus ensifolius
Juncus hallii
Juncus longistylis
Juncus tenuis
Luzula campestris
Luzula parviflora
Luzula piperi
Luzula spicata

Liliaceae
Allium brevistylum
Allium cernuum
Allium geyeri
Allium schoenoprasum
Calochortus nuttallii
Erythronium grandiflorum
Fritillaria atropurpurea
Fritillaria pudica
Smilacina stellata
Zigadenus elegans
Zigadenus veneosus

Linaceae Linum perenne Onagraceae
Epilobium alpinum
Epilobium angustifolium
Epilobium glaberrimum
Epilobium palustre
Epilobium watsonii
Gayophytum decipiens

Ophioglossaceae Botrychium lanceolatum Botrychium lunaria

Orchidaceae Corallorhiza trifida Habenaria dilatata Habenaria hyperborea Habenaria obtusata Spiranthes cernua

Orobanchaceae Orobanche fasciculata

Pinaceae
Abies lasiocarpa
Picea engelmannii
Pinus albicaulis
Pinus contorta
Pinus flexilis
Pseudotsuga menziesii

Poaceae Agropyron caninum Agropyron cistatum* Agropyron intermedium* Agropyron spicatum Agropyron scribneri Agropyron smithii Agrostis alba Agrostis exarata Agrostis humilis Agrostis scabra Alopecurus aequalis Alopecurus alpinus Alopecurus pratensis* Bromus carinatus Bromus ciliatus Bromus inermis* Bromus pumpellianus Bromus tectorum* Calamagrostis canadensis Calamagrostis montanensis Calamagrostis neglecta Calamagrostis purpurascens Calamagrostis rubescens Catabrosa aquatica Dactylis glomerata* Danthonia intermedia Danthonia uniflora Deschampsia cespitosa Elymus cinereus Festuca idahoensis Festuca occidentalis

Festuca ovina Festuca rubra Glyceria striata Hordeum brachyantherum Hordeum jubatum Koeleria cristata Muhlenbergia richardsonis Oryzopsis exigua Phleum alpinum Phleum pratense* Poa alpina Poa annua* Poa compressa* Poa cusickii Poa grayana Poa interior Poa juncifolia Poa lettermanii Poa leptocoma Poa nervosa Poa nevadensis Poa pratensis* Poa reflexa Poa rupicola Poa scabrella Poa secunda Puccinellia distans* Puccinellia pauciflora Sitanion hystrix Stipa comata Stipa occidentalis Stipa richardsonii Stipa viridula Trisetum canescens Trisetum cernuum Trisetum spicatum

Plantaginaceae Plantago major*

Polemoniaceae
Collomia debilis
Collomia linearis
Gilia inconspicua var. tweedyi
Gilia tenerrima
Ipomopsis spicata
Linanthus septentrionalis
Phlox longifolia
Phlox muscoides
Phlox pulvinata
Polemonium occidentale
Polemonium viscosum

Polygonaceae
Eriogonum flavum
Eriogonum ovalifolium
Eriogonum strictum
Eriogonum umbellatum
Polygonum aviculare*
Polygonum bistortoides
Polygonum douglasii
Rumex acetosella*

Rumex crispus*
Rumex paucifolius
Rumex salicifolius
Rumex venosus

Polypodiaceae Athyrium dissentifolium Cystopteris fragilis Woodsia oregana

Portulacaceae Claytonia lanceolata Lewisia pygmaea Lewisia redivida Spraguea umbellata

Potamogetonaceae Potamogeton alpinus Potamogeton gramineus Potamogeton pusillus

Primulaceae
Androsace filiformis
Androace septenrionalis
Dodecatheon conjugens
Dodecatheon pulchellum
Douglasia montana

Ranunculaceae Actaea rubra Anemone drummondii Anemone multifida Anemone nuttallianum Delphinium bicolor Delphinium occidentale Ranunculus acriformis Ranunculus acris* Ranunculus cymbalaria Ranunculus eschscholtzii Ranunculus inamoenus Ranunculus natans Ranunculus sceleratus Ranunculus uncinatus Ranunculus verecundus Thalictrum occidentale

Rhamnaceae Ceanothus velutinus

Rosaceae
Amelanchier alnifolia
Dryas octopetala
Fragaria virginiana
Geum macrophyllum
Geum rossii
Geum triflorum
Potentilla anserina
Potentilla biennis
Potentilla concina
Potentilla diversifolia
Potentilla futicosa
Potentilla qlandulosa

Potentilla gracilis Potentilla hippiana Potentilla ovina Potentilla pensylvanica Purshia tridentata Rosa nutkana Rosa woodsii Rubus idaeus Sibbaldia procumbens Spiraea betulifolia

Rubiaceae Galium bifolium Galium boreale Galium trifidum

Salicaceae
Populus tremuloides
Salix bebbiana
Salix boothii
Salix brachycarpa
Salix drummondiana
Salix exigua
Salix lutea
Salix nivalis
Salix planifolia
Salix scouleriana
Salix souleriana
Salix souleriana

Saxifragaceae
Conimitella williamsii
Heuchera cylindrica
Heuchera grossularifolia
Heuchera parvifolia
Lithophragma bulbifera
Lithophragma bulbifera
Parnassia fimbriata
Parnassia palustris
Saxifraga arguta
Saxifraga cespitosa
Saxifraga cespitosa
Saxifraga cregana
Saxifraga tempestiva

Scrophulariaceae Besseya wyomingensis Castilleja cusickii Castilleja lineariifolia Castilleja miniata Castilleja pallescens Chionophila tweedyi Collinsia parviflora Linaria vulgaris* Melampyrum lineare Mimulus guttatus Pedicularis contorta Pedicularis groenlandica Pedicularis parryi Penstemon aridus Penstemon attenuatus Penstemon eriantherus

Penstemon fruticosus Penstemon lemhiensis Penstemon montanus Penstemon procerus Veronica americana Veronica peregrina Veronica wormskjoldii

Selaginellaceae Selaginella densa

Urticaceae Urtica dioica

Valerianaceae Valeriana dioica Valeriana occidentalis

Violaceae Viola adunca Viola macloskeyi Viola nephrophylla Viola nuttallii Appendix B. Element occurrence records for species of special concern occurring in the Highland Mountains.

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

Federal Status: C2 State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.014

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: FISH CREEK

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: S2SW4 001N007W 28

Elevation: 7080 - 7560

Survey date: 1992-06-29 First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 60% / SOUTHEAST

Size (acres): 15 Last observation: 1992-06-29

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK. ONCE ON THE FISH CREEK ROAD, PROCEED WEST UNTIL ROAD CROSSES TO SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK. PROCEED ANOTHER 0.3 MILES. SITE IS ON NORTH SIDE OF CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

2,000 TO 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: SENECIO CANUS, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, CAMPANULA ROTUNDIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK/WILDLIFE TRAILS, OLD MINING CLAIMS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL108.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5740). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.014

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: FISH CREEK

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N007W 28 S2SW4

Survey date: 1992-06-29 Elevation: 7080 - 7560

First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 60% / SOUTHEAST

Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 15

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK. ONCE ON THE FISH CREEK ROAD, PROCEED WEST UNTIL ROAD CROSSES TO SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK, PROCEED ANOTHER 0.3 MILES. SITE IS ON NORTH SIDE OF CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

2,000 TO 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA. AGROPYRON SPICATUM, ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: SENECIO CANUS, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, CAMPANULA ROTUNDIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK/WILDLIFE TRAILS, OLD MINING CLAIMS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL108.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5740). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.015

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N007W 27 NW4, NW4SW4; 28 E2SE4NE4

Survey date: Elevation: 7320 - 7760

First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 75% / SOUTHEAST

Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 25

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668), TAKE ROAD TO LIMEKILN HILL (FS RD 8492). PROCEED 0.6 MILE; SITE IS ON RIDGE TO THE WEST.

Element occurrence data:

5,000-10,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING UPPER RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; DRY AREA, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: PINUS FLEXILIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, PENSTEMON ARIOUS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

DATA GIVEN ARE FOR EAST PORTION OF THE SITE. ECODATA PLOT #92PL110.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.016

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: TUCKER CREEK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S009W 01 NW4

001S009W 01 NW4 001N009W 36 S2

Survey date: 1992-06-27 Elevation: 6640 - 6880 First observation: 1992-06-27 Slope/aspect: 35% / SOUTH

Last observation: 1992-06-27 Size (acres): 40

Location:

FROM DIVIDE (TOWN), TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH, THEN TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR. SITE IS ON HILL NORTH OF RESERVOIR.

Element occurrence data:

10,000+ INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING SLOPE, DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN MIDSLOPE. SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CERCOCARPUS LEDIFOLIUS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ORYZOPSIS HYMENOIDES, CYMOPTERUS BIPINNATUS.

Land owner/manager:

BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA

Comments:

ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL105. LITTLE OR NO LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE; DEER SCAT.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

Federal Status: C2 State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.017

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS guadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N008W 31 N2

Elevation: 6720 - 6980

Slope/aspect: 50% / SOUTHWEST

Survey date: 1992-06-27 Elevation: 6720 First observation: 1992-06-27 Slope/aspect: 509 Last observation: 1992-06-27 Size (acres): 25

Location:

FROM DIVIDE (TOWN) TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH. FOLLOW DIRT ROAD TO NORTHEAST CA. 4 MILES, KEEPING TO RIGHT AT FORKS, TO SITE ON EITHER SIDE OF SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK, CA. 1 MILE NORTHEAST OF RESERVOIR.

Element occurrence data:

10,000+ INDIVIDUALS; FRUITING, SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

PARTIALLY SHADED EXPOSURE ON CONVEX SLOPE; DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL LOWER MOUNTAIN SLOPE. SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CERCOCARPUS LEDIFOLIUS, JUNIPERUS SCOPULORUM, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, CYMOPTERUS BIPINNATUS. DEER SCAT PRESENT.

Land owner/manager:

BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA

Comments:

ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL106.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5729). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.018

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOOSE TOWN

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001S008W 0.3 S2, NW4; 10 N2

001N008W 35 SW4

Survey date: 1992-06-26 Elevation: 6700 - 7000 Slope/aspect: 045% / SOUTH

First observation: 1992-06-26 Last observation: 1992-06-26 Size (acres): 35

Location:

FROM HIGHLAND ROAD, TAKE MOOSE TOWN ROAD SOUTHWEST CA. 2 MILES TO MALONEY PARK. SITE IS ON BLUFFS NORTH OF MOOSE CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

1000-5000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL IN LARGEST SUBPOPULATION. ADDITIONAL SUBPOPULATION CA. 1.5 MILES NORTHWEST: 2000 PLANTS, FRUITING, MANY SMALL PLANTS AS EVIDENCE OF REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS. THIRD SUBPOPULATION CA. 1 MILE NNW: 100-2000 STEMS, FRUITING, MATURE FRUIT AND SMALL PLANTS PRESENT.

General site description:

OPEN TO PARTIALLY SHADED EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING AND CONVEX SLOPES. DRY AREAS LOWER TO MIDSLOPE; SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL AND POSSIBLY DOLOMITE. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: AGROPYRON SPICATUM, PHLOX MUSCOIDES, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, PINUS FLEXILIS, JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, DOUGLASIA MONTANA, SENECIO CANUS, ARCTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI, AND SEDUM LANCEOLATUM.

Land owner/manager:

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE) DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

LARGEST SUBPOPULATION: ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL103; MINING CLAIMS. NNE SUBPOPULATION: ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL101; NO EVIDENCE OF DISTURBANCE. NNW SUBPOPULATION: ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL102; LIVESTOCK.

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Information source:
 LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
 MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens: LESICA, P. (5719). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA

Common Name: IDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S1 Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.001

Survey site name: HIGHLAND CITY

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N008W 35 SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 6860 -

First observation: 1981-07-22 Slope/aspect: 5% / WEST

Last observation: 1992-07-11 Size (acres): 1

Location:

FROM BUTTE, TAKE STATE HWY 2 TOWARD PIPESTONE PASS; CA. 1.5 MILES BEFORE PASS, GO SOUTHWEST ON FS RD 84 (HIGHLAND ROAD) 10.25 MILES TO 0.1 MILE EAST OF TURNOFF TO MOOSE TOWN. SITE IS BETWEEN ROAD AND CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

1992: CA. 50 INDIVIDUALS, WITH IMMATURE FRUIT PRESENT. 1981: 20-30 PLANTS, GROWING RIGHT ALONG THE ROAD.

General site description:

1992: OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST BOTTOM IN NARROW VALLEY FLOODPLAIN. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL OR CALCAREOUS PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, DESCHAMPSIA CESPITOSA, JUNCUS BALTICUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, CAREX PETASATA, FRAGARIA VIRGINIANA, POTENTILLA GRACILIS. 1981: CALCAREOUS WET-MOIST MEADOW SURROUNDED BY WILLOWS AND BOG BIRCH; WITH CAREX SCOPULORUM, PEDICULARIS GROENLANDICA, THALICTRUM SPARSIFLORUM, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

ECODATA PLOT #92PL114. EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LACKSCHEWITZ, K. (9728). 1981. MONTU.

Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA Common Name: IDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S1 Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.007

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: COYOTE HILL

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N007W 27 SE4SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 6960 -

First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 2% / SOUTHWEST

Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 1

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS, SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668), GO NORTH ON LIME KILN MOUNTAIN ROAD (FS RD 8492) CA. 100 YARDS. SITE IS ALONG SMALL SPRING CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

50-100 RAMETS, IMMATURE FRUIT PRESENT.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST AREA IN BOTTOM ON ALLUVIAL FLOODPLAIN. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL OR CALCAREOUS PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALTICUS, DESCHAMPSIA CESPITOSA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, TARAXACUM OFFICINALE, TRIFOLIUM LONGIPES.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

ECODATA PLOT #92PL109. EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5746). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA Common Name: TDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S1 Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.008

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N009W 36 NE4

Survey date: Elevation: 6180 First observation: 1992-06-27 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-06-27 Size (acres): 1

Location:

FROM DIVIDE (TOWN), GO NORTH ON FRONTAGE ROAD CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 CA. 1.5 MILES TO RANCH. TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR CA. 1 MILE. INSTEAD OF CONTINUING UPHILL, GO DOWN TO CREEK. SITE IS CA. 0.4 MILE UPSTREAM.

Element occurrence data:

50-100 INDIVIDUALS; IMMATURE FRUIT PRESENT.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST AREA IN BOTTOM ON FLOODPLAIN TERRACE. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL PARENT MATERIAL. ECOTONE BETWEEN CAREX NEBRASCENSIS WET MEADOW AND ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA-FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS STEPPE, WITH POA PRATENSIS AND JUNCUS BALTICUS.

Land owner/manager:

STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED

Comments:

LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE EVIDENT.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5730). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: CAREX VALLICOLA

Common Name: A SEDGE

Forest Service status: Global rank: G5 Federal Status: State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PMCYP03EA0.007

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: E2E2

001N007W 22

Elevation: 7600 - 7650 Survey date: 1992-06-29 First observation: 1992-06-29 Last observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 10% / EAST Size (acres): 2

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; CA. 0.25 MILE DUE EAST OF LIMEKILN SPRING. FROM FISH CREEK TAKE FS RD 8492 TO LIMEKILN HILL. GO NORTH TO THE SADDLE. SITE IS CA. 0.1 MILE NORTH.

Element occurrence data:

100-1000 INDIVIDUALS, IN FRUIT.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONVEX UPPER SLOPE. MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, LUPINUS SERICEUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: CAREX HOODII, CAREX PETASATA, STIPA OCCIDENTALIS, ERIOGONUM UMBELLATUM.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

ROAD RUNS THROUGH POPULATION.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5743). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: CLAYTONIA LANCEOLATA VAR FLAVA

Common Name: YELLOW SPRINGBEAUTY

Global rank: G5T5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S3 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDPOR03092.005

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: BURTON PARK

EO rank: A

EO rank comments: LARGE, REPRESENTATIVE POPULATION; ALL

WHITE-FLOWERED.

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N008W 27 SW4NE4, NE4NW4, E2SE4; 22W2, NW4SE4, 26SW4SW4, 35NW

Survey date: 1989-06-05 Elevation: 6880 -First observation: 1988 Slope/aspect: LEVEL Last observation: 1989-06-05 Size (acres): 200

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS, BURTON PARK AND UPPER NORTH FORK TUCKER CREEK, CA. 12 AIR MILES SSW OF BUTTE; ALONG HIGHLAND ROAD (N.F. ROAD #84).

Element occurrence data:

CA. 60,000 PLANTS IN 11 SUBPOPULATIONS; ONLY WHITE-FLOWERED PLANTS OBSERVED.

General site description:

LARGE, LEVEL MEADOW, WITH POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, DODECATHEON CONJUGENS, POLYGONUM BISTORTOIDES, GEUM TRIFLORUM.

Land owner/manager:

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

VOUCHER-SCHASSBERGER, L.A. (204). 1988. MONTU; SYSTEMATIC STUDIES IN PROGRESS. UNIQUE POPULATION--ENTIRELY WHITE-FLOWERED.

Information source:

SCHASSBERGER, L.A. 1989. FIELD SURVEYS OF THE PIONEER MOUNTAINS, 6-9 JUNE.

Scientific Name: DRABA DENSIFOLIA Common Name: DENSE-LEAF WHITLOW-GRASS

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDBRA110W0.001

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HOMESTAKE REST AREA

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: JEFFERSON

USGS quadrangle: HOMESTAKE DELMOE LAKE

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

002N006W 20

Survey date: Elevation: 6300 -

First observation: 1986 Slope/aspect: - / SOUTH

Last observation: 1986-04-26 Size (acres): 0

Location:

JUST EAST OF REST AREA, OFF INTERSTATE-90, 2 MILES EAST OF HOMESTAKE PASS.

Element occurrence data:

General site description:

IN COARSE, SANDY, GRANITE-DERIVED SOIL OF STEEP SOUTH-FACING BANK, WITH ERYSIMUM ASPERUM AND CHAENACTIS DOUGLASII.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

LABEL READS RANGE 7 WEST; REST AREA IS IN RANGE 6 WEST.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812. (3693). 1986. SPECIMEN # 104255. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS

Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE

Global rank: G4 Forest Service status: Federal Status: State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.008

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

34 001N008W

Elevation: 7300 Survey date: - -First observation: 1981
Last observation: 1981-07-22 Slope/aspect: Size (acres): 0

Location: BUTTE HIGHLANDS.

Element occurrence data: WIDELY SCATTERED.

General site description: SAGEBRUSH PRAIRIE.

Land owner/manager: DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

E. URSINUS, ANNOTATED AS E. GRACILIS BY K.H.L., 1987.

Information source:

LACKSCHEWITZ, K.H. (9739). 1981. SPECIMEN #86510. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS

Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE

Global rank: G4 Forest Service status: State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.010

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: PANDORA MOUNTAIN

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: WICKIUP CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001S008W 34 NE4

Survey date: Elevation: 7350 - 7550 First observation: 1992-06-30 Slope/aspect: 5% / EAST Last observation: 1992-06-30 Size (acres): 40

Location:

FOLLOW CAMP CREEK ROAD SOUTH TO CROSSING OF WICKIUP CREEK. PROCEED 0.2 MILE TO MOFFET MOUNTAIN ROAD. PROCEED WEST AND SOUTH CA. 1 MILE TO NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY. SITE IS JUST WEST OF FENCE.

Element occurrence data:

1000+ INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE UPPER SLOPE. DRY/MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; SILTY SOIL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, GERANIUM VISCOSISSIMUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ASTER STENOMERES.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK, 4 x 4 ROADS, PROSPECTING. SPECIES MAY BE COMMON IN THE AREA; LARGE AMOUNT OF UNSURVEYED HABITAT AVAILABLE.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5751). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS

Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE

Global rank: G4 Forest Service status: State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.012

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: PIPESTONE PASS

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N007W 33 N2NE4NW4; 28 S2S2S2; 27 N2NE4; 22 S2S2SE4

Survey date: Elevation: 7120 - 7650

First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 2-15% / SOUTH, EAST

Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 35

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. TWO SITES: 1) FROM FISH CREEK TAKE ROAD TO LIMERILN HILL (FS RD 8492), SITE IS CA. 0.2 MILES SOUTH OF SADDLE; 2) TAKE FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668) WEST TO CREEK CROSSING. PROCEED 0.3 MILE TO MEADOWS.

Element occurrence data:

1,000 TO 10,000 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING; 2 SUBPOPULATIONS.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; DRY-MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, POA PRATENSIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: LUPINUS SERICEUS, ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, CERASTIUM ARVENSE, POTENTILLA GRACILIS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

LIVESTOCK, EXOTICS, AND ROADS IN AREA. ERIGERON GRACILIS PROBABLY OCCURS IN OTHER AREAS IN HIGHLAND CITY AREA; HABITATS NOT SURVEYED.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5741). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: GENTIANA AQUATICA Common Name: WET MEADOW GENTIAN

Global rank: G4 Forest Service status: State rank: S2S3 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDGEN06050.012

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N007W 27 SE4SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 6920 - 7000 First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 2% / SOUTH

Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 5

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668), TAKE ROAD TO LIME KILN HILL (FS RD 8492) FOR CA. 100 YARDS. SITE IS ALONG SMALL SIDE CREEK JUST 100 YARDS UP ROAD.

Element occurrence data:

1000+ INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING AND FRUITING. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT BOTTOM SLOPE. MOIST AREA, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALTICUS, POA PRATENSIS, DESCHAMPSIA CESPITOSA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: ANTENNARIA CORYMBOSA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

LIVESTOCK GRAZING. ANNUAL SPECIES; POPULATION SIZE FLUCTUATES.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5747). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: HAPLOPAPPUS MACRONEMA VAR LINEARIS

Common Name: LINEAR-LEAVED DISCOID GOLDENWEED

Global rank: G4T? Forest Service status: Federal Status: State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDAST4F0U3.001

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N008W 35 SW4SW4; 34 SE4SE4

001S008W 03 NE4NE4

Elevation: 6880 - 6980 Survey date:

First observation: 1992-08-01 Slope/aspect: 10% / SOUTHEAST Last observation: 1992-08-01 Size (acres): 15

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) WEST TO TURNOFF TO MOOSE TOWN. GO LEFT AND PROCEED TO FIRST CATTLE GUARD. SITE IS CA. 0.6 MILE SOUTHEAST OF MOOSE CAMP SPRING.

Element occurrence data:

500-1000 INDIVIDUALS; FLOWERING, IN FRUIT AND BUD. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; LOAM SOIL, METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON DASYSTACHYUM, STIPA RICHARDSONII. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, ANTENNARIA MICROPHYLLA, GEUM TRIFLORUM, ERIOGONUM UMBELLATUM.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

ROAD RUNS THROUGH POPULATION: HEAVY LIVESTOCK USE NEAR CATTLEGUARD. PLANT APPEARS TO BE MOST COMMON IN MOST DISTURBED AREAS.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5831). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: HAPLOPAPPUS MACRONEMA VAR LINEARIS

Common Name: LINEAR-LEAVED DISCOID GOLDENWEED

Global rank: G4T? Forest Service status: State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST4F0U3.002

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: BURTON PARK

EO rank:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N008W 22 S2N2

Survey date: Elevation: 6940 - 6980 First observation: 1992-08-01 Slope/aspect: 5% / SOUTH

Last observation: 1992-08-01 Size (acres): 20

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS, SOUTH OF BUTTE. SITE IS AT NORTH END OF BURTON PARK ALONG TRAIL #108, CA. 2.25 MILES DUE NORTH OF MOOSE CAMP SPRING.

Element occurrence data:

100-300 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING, IN BUD.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT LOWER SLOPE; DRY AREA ON ALLUVIAL FAN, LOAM SOIL, GRANITE PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMESIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, CAREX FILIFOLIA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: GEUM TRIFLORUM. SELAGINELLA DENSA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

CATTLE DISTURBANCE; MANY PLANTS TRAMPLED. ECODATA PLOT #92PL118.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5830). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: HAPLOPAPPUS MACRONEMA VAR MACRONEMA Common Name: DISCOID GOLDENWEED

Global rank: G4T4 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S1 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST4F0U2.001

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: STORM PEAK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: BEAVERHEAD

USGS quadrangle: STORM PEAK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

003S010W 21 SE4

Survey date: Elevation: 8900 First observation: 1920 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1990-07-29 Size (acres): 0

Location:

EAST PIONEER MOUNTAINS, CA. 0.5 MILE SOUTHEAST OF STORM PEAK.

Element occurrence data:

CA. 20 PLANTS OBSERVED IN AREA CA. 20M N-S BY 50M E-W; SOME NOT YET IN FLOWER.

General site description:

TALUS SLOPE, SOUTH FACING, WITH SCATTERED WHITEBARK PINE, AND RIBES, ARTEMISIA, DELPHINIUM.

Land owner/manager:

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, WISE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, DILLON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

ADDITIONAL HABITAT TO EAST NOT SURVEYED (1990). VOUCHER - ELOFSON, H. W. (133), 1920, MONT.

Information source:

JONES, CEDRON. C/O MT NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM.

Scientific Name: JUNCUS HALLII

Common Name: HALL'S RUSH

Global rank: G4G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PMJUN011E0.010

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001N008W 36 SE4NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 7210 - 7280 First observation: 1992-06-30 Slope/aspect: 5% / NORTH

Last observation: 1992-06-30 Size (acres): 1

· Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520), TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD WEST CA. 0.5 MILE. TAKE ROAD TO RIGHT AND PROCEED CA. 0.5 MILE TO JUNCTION. STAY LEFT AND PROCEED 0.25-0.50 MILE TO SITE.

Element occurrence data:

50+ INDIVIDUALS IN EARLY FRUIT.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE; MOIST AREA. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA AND JUNCUS BALTICUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ASTRAGALUS ALPINUS, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS TENUIS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

SITE IS ADJACENT TO ROAD. AREA HAS BEEN LOGGED.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5750). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: OROBANCHE CORYMBOSA Common Name: FLAT-TOPPED BROOMRAPE

Global rank: G4 Forest Service status: WATCH

State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDORO04040.006

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HELLS CANYON

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: MADISON

USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 002S006W 7 SW4; SW4SE4 002S007W 12 NE4NE4

Last observation: 1992-07-29 Size (acres): 50

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. SITES ARE OFF MAIN HELLS CANYON ROAD. MAIN (CENTROID) POPULATION IS CA. 1.7 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HELLS CANYON FOREST SERVICE STATION.

Element occurrence data:

OVER 2000 INDIVIDUALS, WITH 3 SUBPOPULATIONS. OLD STEMS, SOME FLOWERING PLANTS. ROOTS ARE FULL OF WORMS.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON RIDGE. CONVEX SLOPE SHAPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES. SANDY SOIL, GRANITE PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: POA SECUNDA, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, ANTENNARIA MICROPHYLLA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, DILLON RESOURCE AREA

Comments:

DISTURBANCE FROM LIVESTOCK EVIDENT. ECODATA PLOT #92PL116, 92PL117.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5811). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: PENSTEMON LEMHIENSIS

Common Name: LEMHI BEARDTONGUE

Global rank: G3 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDSCR1L3N0.046

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001S007W 06 NE4 001N007W 32 SW4SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 7640 - 7880

First observation: 1992-06-28 Slope/aspect: 30% / NORTHEAST Last observation: 1992-06-28 Size (acres): 12

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520)
TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK AND HIGHLAND LOOKOUT (FS RD 8514). SITE IS 0.2
MILE BEYOND TURNOFF TO LOOKOUT.

Element occurrence data:

TWO SUBPOPULATIONS, EACH WITH 50-100 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: AGROPYRON SPICATUM, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, ASTRAGALUS MISER. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: PHACELIA HASTATA, DELPHINIUM BICOLOR, PHLOX LONGIFOLIA, COLLOMIA LINEARIS, BROMUS CARINATUS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

OLD MINE PROSPECTS, ROAD, POCKET GOPHERS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL107.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5738). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: PENSTEMON LEMHIENSIS

Common Name: LEMHI BEARDTONGUE

Global rank: G3 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDSCR1L3N0.047

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S008W 04 SE4NE4SE4

Survey date: Elevation: 6920 -

First observation: 1992-07-11 Slope/aspect: 35% / EAST

Last observation: 1992-07-11 Size (acres): 1

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) TAKE ROAD TO MOOSE TOWN (FS RD 8594). FOLLOW ROAD TO MALONEY PARK, CONTINUE WEST 0.2 MILE TO TRACK GOING NORTH ACROSS CREEK AND PROCEED ON TRACK FOR CA. 0.7 MILES. SITE IS JUST EAST OF TRACK, CA. 1.6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE PEAK OF MOUNT HUMBUG.

Element occurrence data:

100-200 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERS AND IMMATURE FRUIT. NEARLY ALL INFLORESCENCES EATEN OFF.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE RESIDUAL LOWER SLOPE, DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALC METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CHRYSOTHAMNUS NAUSEOSUS, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, MACHAERANTHERA CANESCENS.

Land owner/manager:

PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

PREDATION PROBABLY CAUSED BY ELK, BUT POSSIBLY DEER OR COWS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL115

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Scientific Name: RANUNCULUS VERECUNDUS

Common Name: TIMBERLINE BUTTERCUP

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: State rank: S1 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDRANOL200.005

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HELLS CANYON

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: MADISON

USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S007W 16 S2S2; 21

Survey date: 1992-07-30 Elevation: 9200 - 9300 First observation: 1992 07-30 Slope/aspect: 10% / SOUTH Last observation: 1992-07-30 Size (acres): 1

DLocation:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; CA. 0.6 MILE DUE WEST OF THE PEAK OF TABLE MOUNTAIN. SITE IS ALONG DRAINAGE AT HEAD OF CIRQUE.

Element occurrence data:

200-500 INDIVIDUALS, MAINLY FLOWERING.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON BOTTOM OF MOIST, NARROW ALPINE CIRQUE. WET-ORGANIC SOIL, QUARTZITE PATENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: DESCHAMPSIA CESPITOSA, CAREX PAYSONIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES; VERONICA WORMSKJOLDII, EPILOBIUM ALPINUM, CAREX ALBONIGRA, AGROSTIS HUMILIS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

SOME BIGHORN OR GOAT GRAZING EVIDENT.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5820). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: SAXIFRAGA TEMPESTIVA

Common Name: STORM SAXIFRAGE

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDSAX0U1R0.014

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HELLS CANYON

EO rank: EO rank comments:

County: MADISON

USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S007W 16 SW4SE4,W2

Survey date: 1992-07-06 Elevation: 9400 - 9900

First observation: 1992-07-06 Slope/aspect: 10% / SOUTHWEST

Last observation: 1992-07-06 Size (acres): 1

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE, CA. 0.5 MILE NORTHWEST OF THE PEAK OF TABLE MOUNTAIN, AND CA. 0.25 MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE MADISON-SILVER BOW COUNTY LINE.

Element occurrence data:

100-500 INDIVIDUALS, 2 SUBPOPULATIONS, IN FRUIT.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON UPPER CONCAVE SLOPE. MOIST AREA ON GLACIATED MOUNTAIN SLOPE, GRAVELLY/SILTY SOIL, QUARTZITE PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: GEUM ROSSII, CAREX ELYNOIDES. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: DODECATHEON PULCHELLUM, POLYGONUM BISTORTOIDES.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

ECODATA PLOT #92PL114.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5814). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: THLASPI PARVIFLORUM Common Name: SMALL-FLOWERED PENNYCRESS

Global rank: G3 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDBRA2P050.007

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank: EO rank:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S008W 01 W2NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 6950 -

First observation: 1992-06-30 Slope/aspect: 5% / NORTHWEST

Last observation: 1992-06-30 Size (acres): 5

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520), TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD WEST CA.

1.2 MILES. SITE IS 0.25 MILES SOUTH ON SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

1,000-10,000 INDIVIDUALS, IN FRUIT; EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT BOTTOM SLOPE, MOIST AREA ON FLOODPLAIN IN WIDE VALLEY, SILTY SOIL, ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALTICUS, POA JUNCIFOLIA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, TARAXACUM OFFICINALE, POTENTILLA DIVERSIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

EXOTICS, EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING. ECODATA PLOT #92PL112.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Scientific Name: THLASPI PARVIFLORUM
Common Name: SMALL-FLOWERED PENNYCRESS

Global rank: G3 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDBRA2P050.008

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N007W 31 NE4SW4, SE4NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 7300 - 7350

First observation: 1992-06-26 Slope/aspect: 5% / SOUTHEAST Last observation: 1992-06-26 Size (acres): 3

Location:

HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. SITE IS AT JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) ON WEST EDGE OF LODGEPOLE.

Element occurrence data:

100-1,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:

OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT TERRACE; MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES, SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, POA PRATENSIS, TARAXACUM OFFICINALE. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: BROMUS CARINATUS, POTENTILLA GRACILIS, ERIGERON GRACILIS.

Land owner/manager:

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

ROADS, LIVESTOCK AND ABUNDANT GOPHER ACTIVITY. ECODATA PLOT #92PL104.

Information source:

LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5723). 1992. MONTU.

Scientific Name: VIOLA RENIFOLIA

Common Name: KIDNEY-LEAF WHITE VIOLET

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S1 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDVIO041V0.010

Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK

EO rank: EO rank comments:

EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:

001N008W 31 SW4 001N009W 36 NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 6120 - 6520

First observation: 1992-06-27 Slope/aspect: 5% / Last observation: 1992-06-27 Size (acres):

Location:

FROM DIVIDE (TOWN) TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH. TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR CA. 1 MILE, THEN SIDEHILL EAST TO CREEK. SITE IS CA. 1 MILE UPSTREAM ALONG CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

100+ INDIVIDUALS IN TWO SUBPOPULATIONS; CLEISTOGAMOUS FLOWERS AND MATURE FRUIT.

General site description:

SHADED BOTTOM; MOIST AREA IN RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN STREAM VALLEY. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: PICEA ENGELMANNII, PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: ACTAEA RUBRA, RIBES HUDSONIANUM, PYROLA OSARIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:

HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED

Comments:

ENTIRE CREEK NOT SURVEYED. STREAM IN FLOOD; SOME LIVESTOCK USE.

Information source:

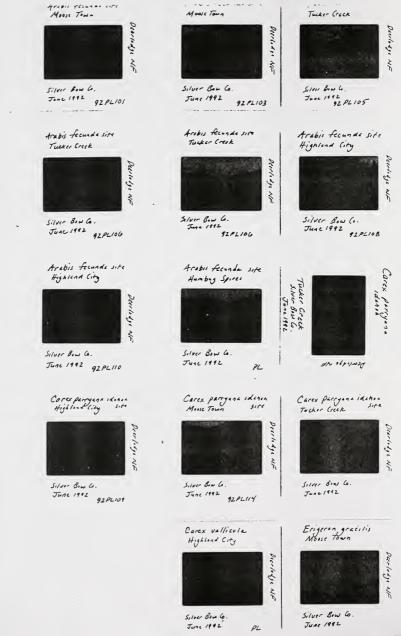
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:

LESICA, P. (5731). 1992. MONTU.

Appendix C. ECODATA plot forms for plant communities associated with populations of sensitive plant species in the Highland Mountains.

Appendix D. Photographs of sensitive species and species of special concern located in the Highland Mountains.





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